

# RAINING BASE BALL

## AND OTHER SPORTS

### Four Favorites Reward the Benning Bettors.

### FINISHES WERE VERY CLOSE

### Lord Boanerges Badly Beaten by Marster.

### A GOOD CROWD ON HAND

### Nationals Batted Out a Victory—Kitt

### Bowling Tourney—Robson

### Outpointed Attell.

### The almost perfect weather yesterday

### was a great boon to racegoers after the un-

### reasonable cold spell, and the attendance

### at Benning was large. A block on the car

### line obtained a good many people held

### the card of the day was a fairly good

### one, each race being well balanced, and as

### favorites landed four of the six events

### public backers did well as the general re-

### sult. Public form proved a true guide in

### three instances, but the other events went

### to horses about whom nothing had been

### shown this season. And the general public

### was at a corresponding disadvantage.

### Had that fast mare Belle of Jessamine

### been out before this season and shown that

### she was in shape she would have been at

### odds on instead of 5 to 1, the quotation

### against her yesterday; but Scarfell had

### shown so well in his last race that the Can-

### adian horse was made favorite over the

### horse, although his trainer said the horse

### liked a longer drive than he had been

### run. Scarfell was not so well as he

### was always second choice, and enough

### money went on him to lower his price sev-

### eral points. The favorite was not so

### seriously considered, as it looked a three-

### horse race any way one looked at it.

### So cleverly did Belle of Jessamine win

### this fact that many were held in respect

### hereafter. She had worked six furlongs in

### 1.17 for this race, but as her young trainer

### thought that she was not good enough, the

### Maryland delegation only backed her for a

### place.

### The Belle, however, was better than her

### peers thought for she outbroke and out-

### ran Scarfell at all stages of the race. And

### as Water Dog got away last to a slow

### break he never was in the hunt although

### he closed up into third place. The winner

### is a very bloodlike mare by St. George, and

### could run a mile in 1.39 last season.

But a different picture was shown in all

### hands in the seven furlongs dash. Jerry C.

### Parkville and Buttons all had support,

### and Delphie, Beidemore and others, who

### well thought that a plunge on Buttons

### soon made him the favorite. Early birds

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